



**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
PLANNING, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Patricia D. Adauto, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Laura Uribarri, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Adrian Ocegueda, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

**FROM:** Chuck Kooshian, Urban Planner,  
Long Range and Neighborhood Planning Division

**SUBJECT:** Council Agenda Item (Ordinance)  
Introduction: May 25, 2004  
Public Hearing: June 8, 2004

**DATE:** May 19, 2004

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 PROPOSED THOROUGHFARE SYSTEM AS DETAILED IN THE MAP ATLAS OF THE PLAN FOR EL PASO AND ITS RELATED DOCUMENTS AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL IN 1999, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED. (Billy the Kid Drive)**

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C: George Sarmiento, Director; Rudy Valdez, Chief Urban Planner; Fred Lopez, Urban Planner; Esther Guerrero, Planning Technician; Lisa A. Elizondo, City Attorney; Terry Cullen-Gamey, Deputy City Attorney; Matt Watson, Assistant City Attorney

**Background:**

Billy the Kid Drive is an existing 40 foot roadway that extends approximately three quarters of a mile in a southeast direction from Zaragoza Road to a dead end. It serves an area of industrial land uses, including several warehouses generating truck traffic. The current major thoroughfare plan shows Billy the Kid planned as a collector arterial with a proposed extension turning southwest and connecting to Alameda Ave. A WalMart store currently exists in the alignment shown for the proposed extension.

**Request:**

Ms. Ann Lillie, representing the industrial property owners along Billy the Kid, requested that the Planning, Research & Development Department consider amending the Major Thoroughfare Plan to change the proposed route of the extension to connect to Loop 375/Americas Ave.

**Analysis:**

The number of trucks turning onto Zaragoza creates a safety hazard that would be mitigated by the proposed extension of Billy the Kid. The connection at Loop 375 would be to the frontage road which loops under the freeway and goes back up to North Loop. TxDOT has indicated that although their preference would be for Billy the Kid to connect to North Loop directly, they realize that it would require much more right of way, so the current proposal is acceptable.

The proposed road would pass through a privately owned parcel to access Loop 375. The same property is affected under the current plan. The property owners were notified via registered letter and have not returned comments.

**Recommendation:** The Development Coordinating Committee and the City Plan Commission recommend approval.

**Timeline for Billy the Kid MTP Amendment:**

Thoroughfare Review Team  
Development Coordinating Committee  
City Plan Commission  
City Council Introduction  
City Council Hearing

Mar 5, 2004  
Mar 24, 2004  
Apr 8, 2004  
May 25, 2004  
June 8, 2004

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**WHEREAS**, *The Plan for El Paso* was formally adopted by the City Council on April 27, 1999, pursuant to the provisions of Section 213.002 of the Texas Local Government Code as the Comprehensive Plan for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan serves as a general guide for the future growth and Development of the City to promote public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, its adoption was based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee following numerous public meetings and working sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, a well planned transportation system is a key element for improving the quality of life, by balancing neighborhood concerns with provision of access for commerce and mobility for personal travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Development Coordinating Committee ("DCC") has recommended a change to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map contained within *The Plan for El Paso* to provide the most beneficial relationship between the uses of land and circulation of traffic throughout the City, and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendation of the DCC was submitted to the City Plan Commission for its review, and the City Plan Commission has recommended the adoption of the change to the Year 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map as herein enumerated; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the adoption of *The Plan for El Paso* and its changes to the thoroughfare alignments as herein enumerated will have no negative impact upon the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System, as detailed in the Map Atlas of *The Plan for El Paso*, is herein amended as described below and as more particularly shown in the attached and incorporated Exhibit "A".

## **Lower Valley Planning Area. Representative District 6**

- Amend the 2025 Major Thoroughfare System map by changing the proposed extension of the collector arterial Billy the Kid Drive so that it would not turn southwest and terminate at Alameda Ave but would instead continue straight to terminate at Loop 375/Americas Avenue.

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of **JUNE, 2004.**

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Joe Wardy  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

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Matt Watson  
Assistant City Attorney

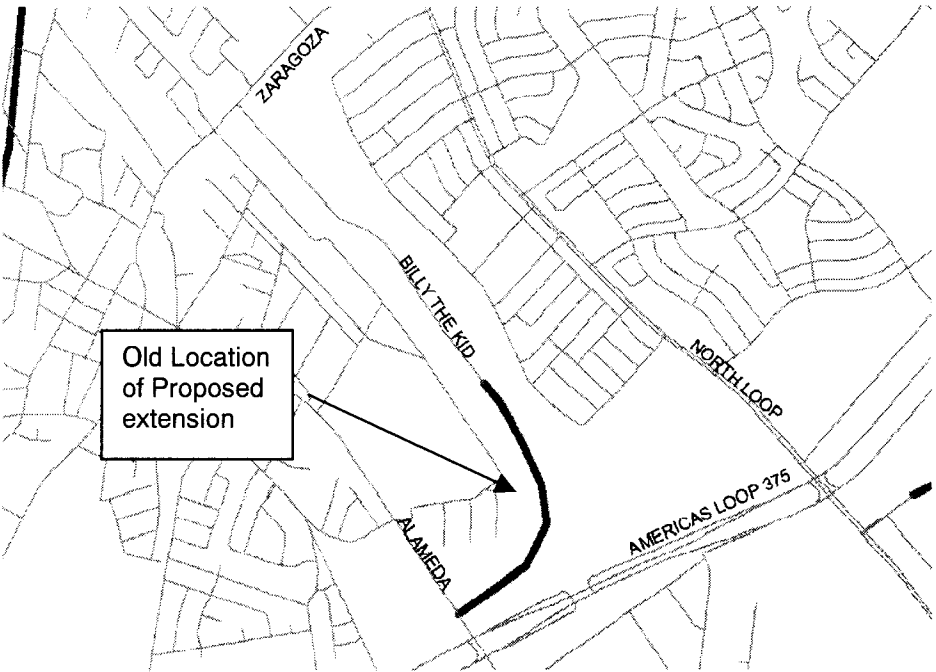
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## Exhibit A

### Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



### CPC Recommendation

